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a total light transmittance of 80% or more which is laminated on said light-incident layer on contact with an adhesive layer, wherein a printed layer made of discontinuous printed parts is provided between said fluorine-containing resin film and said adhesive layer.--

Amend claim 3 as follows:

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--3. (amended) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim h, wherein said printed layer is a layer of a repetitive pattern made up of individual printed parts of a same design which are isolated from one another.--

Amend claim 4 as follows: ]

--4. (amended) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 3, wherein maximum printed length of said individual printed parts are each 10 mm or smaller.--

 $\sqrt{\text{Amend claim 6 as follows:}}$ 

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--6. (amended) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 1, wherein the total area of said printed layer is 80% or less based on the entire area of said light-incident.--

Add the following new claims:

-13. (new) A retroreflective sheet, comprising:

a retroreflective base provided with a surface layer on a light-incident side;

an adhesive layer provided on and in contact with the light-incident side of the retroreflective base;

a printed layer of discontinuous printed parts provided

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on and in contact with the adhesive layer; and

a fluorine-containing resin film having a total light transmittance of at least 80% provided on said adhesive layer and on said printed layer, the resin film contacting the printed layer and contacting the adhesive layer in areas apart from the printed layer.

--1 (new) The sheeting of claim 13, wherein the base comprises:

a separating material layer;

an additional adhesive layer contacting the separating material layer;

a reflective layer provided on the additional adhesive layer; and

a prism layer contacting the reflective layer, the surface layer contacting the prism layer.

--15. (new) The sheeting of claim 13, wherein the base comprises:

a separating material layex;

an additional adhesive layer contacting the separating material layer;

a support layer contacting the additional adhesive layer;

a binder layer contacting the support layer; beads embedding in the binder layer; and

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a beads fixing layer covering the beads, the surface layer contacting the beads fixing layer.

--16. (new) The sheeting of claim 13, wherein a surface tension on the light-incident side of the retroreflective base is at least \$1 dynes/cm.

--17. (new) The sheeting of claim 13, wherein, the adhesive layer is a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer; and

the printed layer comprises plural independent printed parts arranged in a repetitive pattern, each of the printed parts being separated from the other printed parts, and each one of the printed parts is a geometric duplicate of other ones of the printed parts.

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- --18. (new) The sheeting of claim 17, wherein the independent printed parts comprises a water absorbent material.
- --19. (new) The sheeting of claim 18, wherein a maximum dimension of the independent printed parts is 10 mm.
- --20. (new) The sheeting of claim 19, wherein the independent printed parts are arranged with a separation interval of at least 1 mm.--